ACHS juniors participate in workshop

DONALD L. ARMENTROUT, PRINCIPAL OF APPOMATTOX COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL, is shown congratulating Gray Nash and Christopher Tyree, juniors, who recently participated in the Engineering Workshop sponsored by the Central Virginia Chapter of American Institute of Industrial Engineers, Inc. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Gray Nash and Christopher Tyree, juniors at Appomattox County High School, were participants in the recent engineering workshop sponsored by the Central Virginia Chapter of the American Institute of Industrial Engineers, Inc.

The goal of the workshop was to provide an opportunity for students who are interested in engineering careers to meet with practicing engineers and spend a half-day in their companies.

Gray's host was Mr. Rick Thompson, industrial engineer at Armstrong Furniture, Inc., Appomattox; and Christopher's host was Mr. J. M. Sears, engineer at General Electric Company, Lynchburg, Virginia.

The students toured the plants and had orientation to the duties and responsibilities of the engineers. The company provided each student with a meal subsequent to the afternoon session and immediately prior to the evening session. All students from area high schools and their industrial hosts attended an evening session held at the General Electric auditorium.

Graduate engineering students from VPI and State University presented their engineering theses. An opportunity was provided the high school students to meet members of the chapter, professional engineers, and other students as well as other engineers from area industries. The information received will assist Gray and Christopher in their career planning.

Parents were invited to the evening program. Mr. and Mrs. David Nash attended this informative session.

AMS students compete in area contest

STUDENTS WITH CERTIFICATES of merit from the Mathcounts contest sponsored by the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers include (from left) Gregg Hamlett, Laura Jackson, Valerie Guill and Cathy Johnson.

Four students from Appomattox Middle School competed in the Mathcounts National Task Force contest Feb. 18 at Central Virginia Community College.

Cathy Johnson, Gregg Hamlett, Laura Jackson and Valerie Guill all competed in the contest, which was sponsored by the Lynchburg Chapter of the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers.

The contests are sponsored on a regional, state, and national level to promote math competition and to stress the importance of math in school curriculums.

The AMS team was selected from 145 students who competed in the Mathcounts testing at the seventh- and eighth-grade level. The students participated in skill drills, power drills, and math coaching sessions.

The regional testing included a written exam, team problems, individual written problems, a special topics test, and oral presentations.

Ten schools competed in the reginal contest.

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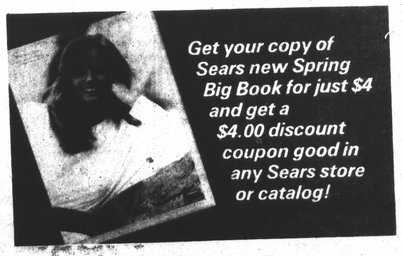

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DONALD ARMENTROUT, left, principal of Appomattox County High School, congratulates Michael McCoy, right, named a finalist who will be competing for approximately 650 awards having combined value of more than $2 million offered in the twentieth annual (1984) National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students.

Mike McCoy is finalist is competition

Michael Anthony McCoy has been named a finalist and will be competing for approximately 650 awards that have a combined value of more than $2 million offered in the twentieth annual (1984) National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students.

Mike is one of about 1200 Semifinalists named in 1983 to advance to finalist standing. He received a certificate of achievement for high performance in PSAT competition.

National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), a nonprofit organization, administers the achievement program which is supported by grants from independent sponsors and donors. NMSC's major activity is the National Merit Scholarship Program which is open to all U.S. high school students who fulfill the requirements specified for participation. Black students may be considered simultaneously in the merit and achievement program, but the two competitions are separate and the PSAT/NMSQT score levels required for recognition differ; standing in one program is unrelated to the other.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. McCoy,Sr., of Appomattox, Mike is active in school, community, and church organizations. At present, he is a member and vice-president of the Appomattox Chapter of the National Honor Society,president of the school's student council, treasurer of the senior class, editor of the school's 1984 yearbook, and a member of the ACHS Chorale, the school's chorus and show choir.

Mike has been selected to the Virginia 4-H All-Stars and has been member of the Virginia All-Region III Chorus for the past five years and All-State Choir one year. As a member of the 4-H Club, he has performed his state-winning Share-The-Fun singing and piano act for such organizations as the Virginia Cooperatives, and The Virginia Governor's Cabinet as well as numerous local group including the Lion's Club, the County Extension Homemakers, The Farm Bureau, and the Appomattox Railroad Festival parade.

Mike has served as a telephone operator for the Annual March of Dimes telethon. In addition, his musical abilities have led him into community service projects such as performing for the talent portion of the show and as church organist.

This past summer, he attended the Virginia Governor's School for the Gifted held at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and Mike also attended the George Tech MITE(Minority Introduction to Engineering) Program in Georgia.

Mike enjoys reading and writing and other hobbies include playing sports and attending sports events. He collects stamps, and enjoys swimming and dancing. Mike plans to major in engineering with a career goal of law.

Students recognized

Karen Covington Cyrus and Tammy Womack Glenn, both of Appomattox, have earned a place on the dean's list at Longwood College for the first semester of the current academic year.

Only 322 of the 3,000 students at Longwood were named to the dean's list, which requires an academic average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 grade scale.

In addition, Tammy Womack Glenn had a perfect 4.0 grade average for the first semestr at Longwood College, one of only 54 students to make all A's.

Area student on dean's list

Michael Forest, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Forest of Red House, has been named to the dean's list of honor students at Shenandoah College and Conservatory of Music for the fall semester.

In order to be named to the dean's list, a student must be enrolled full-time in the college and must carry a minimum of 12 semester hours or more of course work. The grade point average must be 3.25, or above, with no grade lower than a "C".

Approximatgely 900 students are enrolled in the college for the 1983-84 academic year. Shenandoah awards bachelors degrees in over 34 programs of study in the liberal arts, music, allied health, nursing, respiratory therapy, and business administration, and masters degrees in music education and business administraion.

FHA members hold meeting

By KATHY BEASLEY

The Appomattox Junior Chapter FHA met Feb. 14, 1984. Amy Morris brought the meeting to order.

Robin Martin read the minutes of the previous meeting.

The eighth-grade FHA members worked on Junior Degrees while seventh-grade students saw slides on FHA-FFA camp to be held July 16 to July 21, 1984. Forty seventh and eighth grade FHA members will be able to attend.

The week of January 23, 1984, we had aerobics led by Mrs. King, a teacher at AMS and assisted by Mrs. Cobb, the school nurse. We would like to thank Mrs. King and Mrs. Cobb for leading us in this fun and enjoyable event.

On Jan. 16 the Appomattox County High School Vocational Education department held an Open House for Home-Ec students and parents to attend.

On Feb. 23, 1984 some members attended a federation meeting at Altavista High School.

On discrimination

Youth speaks out

FOUR-YEAR-OLD MARIA DAWN BEASLEY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Beasley of Appomattox, won a total of 42 trophies and crowns in "little Miss" beauty pageants during 1983. She competed in pageants in many areas, including Lynchburg, Brookneal and Alexandria. One of her biggest thrills was when she was chosen to compete in the "Little Miss Virginia" pageant in Alexandria. She is a kindergarden pupil at Appomattox Primary School.

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Editor:

Appomattox seems to be full of discriminatory people. I am referring to discrimination against youth, which is just as bad as any other type. One Appomattox resident took his discrimination with him while shopping at River Ridge Mall.

Two Saturdays ago, my mother, a friend and I went to the mall for the day. While my mother was shopping, my friend and I went to Sears to use the photocopier. When the copies had been made, we went to the truck to my briefcase in the truck. I did not want to carry it around the mall the rest of the day.

On our way out, we looked at the vehicles admiring them and taking note to the county/city tags. I am always curious to see who has driven the greatest distance to shop. While walking to the truck, I noticed a car come in from Appomatox. I knew it was from Appomattox simply by seeing the tag. As the car drove by, I noticed that everyone began to stare very rudely. They must have thought it was strange seeing someone my age wearing a coat and tie as well as carrying a briefcase. After they went in Sears, they stood inside the entance staring. The man came outside to watch while his family watched from inside. He walked up and down the sidewalk keeping his eyes on us the entire time.

In the meantime, we had reached the truck and I was fumbling with the lock. Our truck is rather old and it takes a while to unlock the door. When the door was unlocked, my friend and I sat inside for a while looking at the copies I'd made. The man was still standing on the corner staring. My friend and I were in agreeance that he might be demented.

After we had been in the truck approximately five minutes, the man began to stride toward the tuck. This is when I really became worried so I started the truck and drove off. He watched the truck out of sight.

I went back to the same parking area several minutes later because my mother was to meet me there at 5 p.m. and I figured the man would be gone. However, he wasn't gone so I immediately headed toward the Leggett parking area.

Before we could get out of the truck and into the mall, a security truck pulled in beside us. The security officer's first question was "Did you steal this truck?" He wanted to see my license then he asked numerous other questions. He gave us the third degree. If that wasn't enough, the man who had been watching was with the officer. Every question the officer directed to me was intervened by that strange man. While explaining what we were doing, the stranger continued to call me a liar. The man asked more questions than the officer, all of which were none of his business. I was extremely humiliated by the man's accusations.

The security officer seemed to understand, but he still took my name and address in case anything happened during the remainder of the day.He said if anyone's car was vandalized or broken into that I would be questioned first. I couldn't enjoy anything after that incident.

To the man in Appomatox, I would like to say: "You ruined my day! If you suspected I was trying to steal a vehicle, you should have reported that information immediately. Instead, you watched us for so long, we thought you had a problem. You do have a problem, your prejudice! In the future, don't be so quick to think that all teen-agers are up to no good! I do hope you see this and realize how out of line your actions were."

Still perturbed,
R. E. Taylor, III

In tournament

Raiders play tonight

The Raider varsity basketball team will have a chance to avenge two regular-season losses tonight (Wednesday) as it plays Buckingham in the Seminole District tournament at Rustburg High School. The game is scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

Buckingham defeated the Raiders twice during the regular season, and both games were squeakers. Appomattox finished third in the regular season and Buckingham finished fourth.

Two of the tournament games were played last night (Tuesday) after the Times-Virginian deadline. Top-ranked Gretna (15-0) played Liberty (6-12), and second-ranked Altavista (14-4) played Jefferson Forest (7-11).

In the second tournament game tonight (Wednesday), number-four ranked Rustburg (10-6) will play number-five ranked Nelson (8-10).

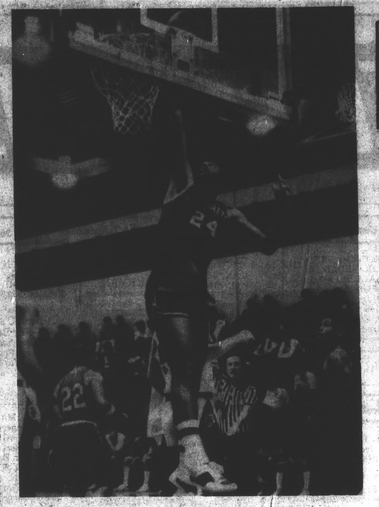
The Raiders, with a 12-6 district record during the regular season, finished third in the district. Buckingham, with an 8-10 record, finished sixth.

The Raiders finished their regular season last Tuesday night with a relatively easy 58-47 win over Rustburg.

Appomattox jumped into the lead in the first quarter, and the Red Devils never got close the rest of the game.

The Raiders led 12-5 at the end of the first quarter, and 25-16 at the end of the half.

As the final period of play began, the Raiders held a 46-30 lead and Appomattox held on to the lead in the fourth quarter to record the win, 58-47.



Three Raiders scored in double figures: Gary Ferguson had 15 points, Ricky Miller had 14, and Mike Jackson had 12.

Others scoring for Appomatox were Tyrone Abbitt, with 7 points; Tim Austin, with 4; and Kinkle Robinson with 2 points.

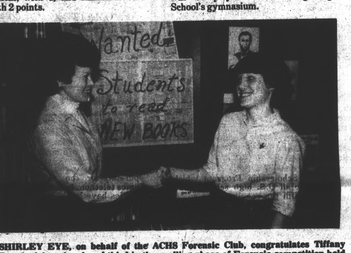
The winner of tonight's Appomattox-Buckingham game will play the winner of last night's Altavista-Jefferson Forest game Friday at 8:30 p.m. The final round of tournament is scheduled for Saturday night at 8 p.m. All games will be played at Rustburg High School's gymnasium.

ACHS club members attend meeting

Eight members of the Appomattox County High School Forensics Club attended the district forensics meet Feb. 18 at Rustburg High School.

The competition was fierce, and the experience from the event. Tiffany Royal of Appomattox third in the spelling competition.

Other ACHS competitors were Shirley Caskwell and Alex Almond, original oratory; Tina Campbell and Darrell Conner, prose; Brett Marston and Florence Miller, poetry; and Sally Coleman, extemporaneous.



SHIRLEY EYE, on behalf of the ACHS Forensic Club, congratulates Tiffany Royal, right, who placed third in the spelling phase of Forensic competition held recently at Rustburg High School.

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In final game

Jayvees lose to Rustburg team

The Raider jayvee basketball team lost the final game of their season last Tuesday evening against Rustburg, 47-37.

The Raiders started off quickly, and held a 15-12 lead at the end of the first quarter. By the end of the first half, however, Rustburg had pulled even, and the score was tied, 24-24.

Rustburg came out playing tough in the second half, and held Appomatox to only four points, taking a 33-28 lead at the end of the third quarter. In the final period, Rustburg pulled further ahead, and the lead was 10 points, 47-37, by the end of the game.

Darren Tolley was high scorer for Appomatox, with eight points. Three Raider players scored six points: Cleve Jones, Brett Marston and Alex Almond. Others scoring for Appomattox were Anthony Kelso with five points, Jack Baker with four, and John Fedison with two points.

"Rustburg played a tough man-to-man defense. They hustled," commented Raider Coach John Pettyjohn after the game. "They put a lot of pressure on us. We had trouble getting passes off, or getting any type of offense going," the coach added.

Pettyjohn added that his players "stuck in there, just like they have all season."

The coach said his team members "worked hard all year, even when things weren't looking good. They stuck in there, and never gave up. I look for some of them to contribute a lot to the varsity program in the next four years."

Sign-up begins for youth baseball program

Sign-up sessions for the Appomattox Dixie Youth League baseball program will be held March 3 and 10 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Central Fidelity Bank building.

The program is open to all youth (boys and girls) between the ages of 6 and 18.

Registration fee is $8 for one child, $14 for two children from the same family, and $20 for three children from the same family.

All first-year players are asked to bring a copy of their birth certificate to the sign-up sessions.

Registration Form

Name_____
Age_____Height_____
Date of Birth_____
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I hereby give permission for the above named boy or girl to play baseball in the Appomattox Youth Association.

(Seal)

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Volleyball season ends

The Ralderette Volleyball team closed their regular season Tuesday night with a match against Jefferson Forest.

Jefferson Forest defeated the Ralderettes 15-7,9-15,15-10 on their way to the Seminole District crown.

Leading scorers were Kim Hudson with 11 service points and Kim Shupe with 7 points. Sally Coleman added 6 points, followed by Diana Harvey and Tambra Hamlet, with 4 points each. Sherry Purcell tallied 1 point.

"We started slowly in the first game, and then we played our best volleyball of the year in the second game," said coach Bob Hudson.

Commenting on the third game of the match Hudson said, "We had a 9-4 lead but we just ran out of gas."

On Friday night the Ralderettes played Jefferson Forest in the first round of the District Tournament. Jefferson Forest won 15-2, 15-4.

Leading scorer for the game was Tambra Hamlet with 2 points. Kim Shupe, Sally Coleman, Kim Osborne, and Jewel McCoy each added 1 point each.

"It was extremely tough to try and come back again to play Forest as a first round tournament game," Hudson said. "Our team was just too emotionally drained to play well on two consecutive nights.

Jefferson Forest and Altavista will represent the Seminole District in the Regional Tournament.

FAC will form jazz band

The Lynchburg Fine Arts Center annoucues formation of and auditions for a Big Band Jazz Ensemble. The band, which will be led by trombonist Rusty Nichols, will rehearse and perform music made popular by the name bands (Glenn Miller, the Dorseys, Count Basie, Artie Shaw, et al) of the Thirties and Forties.

Auditions for the ensemble are open to all senior high school students and adults. The needed instrumentation is as follows: two alto saxophones, two tenor saxophones, one baritone saxophone, four trombones, four trumpets, one piano, one bass, one guitar, and one drum set. A per session fee of $5 per participant to cover the ensemble's operating expenses.

Rusty Nichols will privately audition those interested on Saturday, March 3, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., in the FAC Music Room. The audition content will be music selected by the director. To sign up for an audition time (15-minute segments), call the FAC at 846-8451.

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